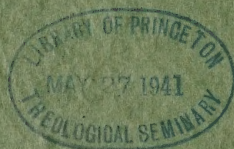


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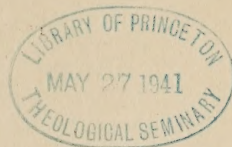
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FOREWORD

The Church Inventory by the Michigan Historical Records Survey should prove of inestimable value to all denominations in the State. Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish ecclesiastical organizations have collaborated fully to make this work a success.

As a representative of the Presbyterian Church, I cannot over estimate the value of the Presbyterian Inventory to the church, the clergy, and the laity.

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PREFACE

The Inventory of the Church Archives of Michigan:
Presbyterian Church in U.S.A., Presbytery of Detroit, is one of a Nation-wide series of inventories of ecclesiastical archives being compiled by the Historical Records Survey. The inventory has been undertaken as a service to the clergy and officers of religious bodies, to students of social and religious history, and also to laymen interested in the growth and development of religious bodies in this country.

This inventory of the archives of the Presbyterian Church is a compilation establishing the identity and location of churches, institutions, and organizations within the boundaries of the Presbytery of Detroit. In determining the identity of the churches and other organizations we have accepted the status and affiliations claimed by responsible officials in charge. The framework of presentation is that of the United States Census of Religious Bodies. To this we have added local history of sufficient importance to warrant inclusion in this study.

Acknowledgment of our appreciation is made to the clergy, officials and laymen who have given us their cooperation and assistance, but for lack of space we are unable to mention them personally.

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HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

Early Protestant Efforts in Detroit

The first Presbyterian church activity in Michigan was in the vicinity of Detroit where Rev. David Bacon, a Congregational minister, established a school in May 1801. The school, however, discontinued sometime the following year owing to the lack of support by the mixed population residing in Detroit at that time.¹

In 1807 the territorial legislature passed an act for the incorporation of religious societies.² Under it St. Anne's Church (Catholic) was incorporated and was given a lot for building purposes. The Protestants of the City attempted to incorporate as a Presbyterian body and also petitioned for a land grant which was refused them, as the dominantly Catholic population could see no reason for the existence of a denominational, instead of a Protestant Union Church.³

In 1816 Rev. John Monteith was commissioned by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States for missionary work in the Northwest. He began his duties in Detroit that year. A meeting was held August 5, 1816, to found a Protestant society in Detroit. The plan was deferred, but on the 15th of September 1817, a society was founded as the First Evangelical Society of Detroit, which later was known as the First Protestant Society. Since Monteith was a Presbyterian, the form of the society was of that faith; however, for sometime it was non-sectarian. In 1818 the society began to function as a church, and the following year a church building was erected.

The organization was granted a little more than a block of land on Woodward Avenue, between Congress and Larned Streets, for building purposes; and to retain its property rights the society, which became the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit in January 1826, still retains its original name as a corporate body.

Monteith left Detroit in July 1821, with most of his salary still unpaid. His place was taken by Rev. Alanson W. Welton, who remained until his death in September 1822. Welton was a Protestant Episcopal clergyman.⁴

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1. Presbyterian Church U.S.A. General Assembly, Minutes, 1801-38.
 2. See Territorial Laws, Act 15, April 3, 1807 (v. 4, pp. 16-17).
 3. Clarence Monroe Burton, ed., The City of Detroit, Michigan, Detroit, S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1922, pp. 1246-47.
 4. Ibid., p. 1240.

Following Welton, Rev. Joshua Moore, a young clergyman, came from Princeton Seminary to Detroit and remained about a year.¹ Moore's efforts resulted in a religious revival among those of the Protestant faith in the City. Many of the converts were of the leading citizens, and among them was the wife of Governor Cass.

With the founding in Detroit of a Methodist church in 1823 and an Episcopal church in 1824 the non-sectarian features of the First Protestant Society disappeared. In February 26, 1824, the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac was organized by Rev. E.W. Goodman, a missionary in the district; and in July 1825, a church was organized at Farmington by Rev. Isaac Ruggles, the pastor of the church at Pontiac. On August 21, 1826, the Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor was organized. Meanwhile, a church had been organized at Mackinac by William Ferry some time after 1822.²

Detroit Presbytery Organized

In 1828 the churches already formed in Michigan, with the exception of Ann Arbor church, were organized into the Presbytery of Detroit. There were five churches and five ministers. The church at Ann Arbor, perhaps, had not been actually organized when the petition was drawn up at the General Assembly. The first meeting of the new presbytery was held at the Presbyterian Church at Detroit, September 8, 1828. There were four ministers and five elders present.³ Between 1827 and 1834 churches were formed at Tecumseh, Ypsilanti, Northville, White Pigeon, Edwardsburgh, Saline, Richland, South Lyon, Adrian, Plymouth, Niles, and Birmingham.

In 1833 the Synod of Western Reserve, to which the Presbytery of Detroit was attached, divided the Presbytery of Detroit into three presbyteries; Monroe, St. Joseph and Detroit.⁴ Also, the synod requested the General Assembly to create a new synod to be known as the Synod of Michigan. This action was taken by the General Assembly on May 29, 1834, and the Synod of Michigan held its first meeting at Ann Arbor, September 5, 1834, with twelve ministers and twelve elders present.⁵ At the time of the organization of the synod, the churches of the Presbytery of Detroit were: Detroit, Pontiac, Farmington, Northville, Plymouth, Troy, Brownstown,

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1. Reverends Theodore and Augustus Marsh, "History of the Presbyterian Church in Michigan," MS., ca. 1910 (copy in Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan), p. 13.
 2. Ibid., p. 15.
 3. Detroit Presbytery, Minutes, MS. (on deposit in Michigan Historical Collections), Sept. 8, 1828, pp. 1-2.
 4. Marsh, op. cit., p. 17.
 5. General Assembly, Minutes, 1834 (v. 3, p. 22).

Dearborn, Nankin, Derby's Corners, South Lyon, Dixboro, Romeo, Bloomfield, Birmingham, Southfield, Washington, Rochester, Sault Ste. Marie, Novi, St. Clair, Grand Blanc, and Mackinac.¹

Early Growth of the Detroit Presbytery

There were several factors that contributed toward the early growth of the Presbytery. The location of the church's work depended upon the density of the population. The early settlers of the Detroit area formed a ring of towns in the hills which surrounded the old lake plain around the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. This lake plain was wet and muddy and was heavily timbered and lacked water power in some places. The roads too through it were not of the best. Consequently the early settlers avoided this district because of the danger of malaria from the marshes and because of the wooded land which they would have to clear before they could begin farming. Thus, we find them settling in the hills at the edge of the plains. Consequently, the Presbyterians had firmly established churches at Pontiac, Farmington, Northville, Plymouth, Romeo, Wayne Lake, Birmingham, Southfield, and Rochester.²

Early Trends

Soon after the organization of the Detroit Presbytery a foreign missionary society was formed, and also a board of home missions was organized.³

The church in Michigan was deeply influenced by the pietistic movement of the early 19th century. The synod, early in its organization, passed a resolution to the effect that the sale and manufacture of liquor, except for "mechanical and medicinal purposes" was morally wrong and should be universally and immediately abandoned.⁴ Further, a resolution was passed condemning the use of tobacco "except as a medicine" by Christians as a "hinderance to the cause of temperance and offensive to personal and domestic refinement."⁵ The desecration of the Sunday came in for severe censure by the Synod and the Presbytery of Detroit.⁶

In regard to the social status of American society, the

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1. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, MS. (on deposit in the Michigan Historical Collections), 1834, pp. 1-17.
 2. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, MS., 1834, pp. 10-12.
 3. Ibid., p. 16.
 4. Ibid., p. 13; 1835, pp. 24-25.
 5. Ibid. 1835, p. 30.
 6. Ibid., pp. 30-31.

Presbyterian church of Michigan took a firm stand on the question of slavery.

This institution was condemned both by the Synod and the Presbytery. Slavery was condemned as a sin "which ought to be abandoned immediately, universally, and forever."¹

Presbyterianism vs. Congregationalism

The most important factor in the development of the Presbyterian church of early Michigan was the plan of union adopted by the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in 1801. Under this plan churches in sparsely settled communities were interchangeably Presbyterian and Congregational. Ministers and church officers were interchangeable and the ordinations of either body were accepted by the other. For many years this plan worked well and virtually amounted to an agreement that neither church would invade territory in which the other was working. However, after several years, dissatisfaction arose. The principal theological differences were in the varying interpretations of the doctrine of "Original Sin." The conservatives felt that many ministers, out of a sentimental attachment to the human race, had taken the "sting" out of this doctrine.² These differences culminated in a series of trials of various 'heretical' ministers. The most noteworthy were those of Reverends Albert Barnes, Lyman Beecher, and George Duffield. Out of these trials friction arose among the synods of the General Assembly. Two groups sprang up. One, soon known as the Old School Presbyterians, stood for decisive action against the heretical ministers and synods. The New School group was more liberal and wished to retain the former amity with the Congregational churches.

In 1837 there was a strong majority of the Old School branch in the meeting of the General Assembly. Four synods and a presbytery were dissolved. In 1838, after an attempt to gain recognition, officials of the dissolved branches met to form a new General Assembly. Practically all the churches in Michigan belonged to this latter group and condemned the actions of the Old School group. They were especially bitter about the abrogation of the plan of union, which soon followed, by the Old School General Assembly. Presbyterians in many sections of the country had not been affected by the plan of union. However, in Michigan most of the churches were composed of both Congregationalists and Presbyterians. The plan of union had been important in the development of the church in Michigan, and abrogation of the plan and a general division into two churches would severely retard the Presbyterian growth in the State.³ Thus,

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1. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, MS., 1834, pp. 23, 33-34.
 2. Presbyterian Church U.S.A. General Assembly, Minutes, 1801-38.
 3. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, 1837, pp. 81-82, 87-89; Detroit Presbytery, Minutes, Oct. 19, 1837, pp. 265-270.

we find that the majority of Presbyterian churches became affiliated with the New School Assembly.

The Presbytery of Detroit in 1838, after the division of the church, adopted a resolution which effectively made it a part of the New School Assembly.¹ However, regardless of the action of the Synod of Michigan and the Presbytery of Detroit, a rift occurred between the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, which caused many Congregational churches to leave the Presbyterian organization. The first to withdraw was Romeo in 1840, followed by Rochester, St. Clair, and Utica. We do not have a complete record of all the withdrawals, but between 1840 and 1850 the number of churches in the Presbytery of Detroit declined from 40 to 25. Part of this loss had come through the dissolution of feeble churches, but the withdrawal of the Congregationalists was undoubtedly responsible for the loss of several churches.

Church Extension in the 1850's

The 1850's were a period of greater prosperity for the Detroit Presbytery. However, during this decade serious embarrassment arose in the missionary work of the church in Michigan. The American Home Missionary Society was the organ of the Congregationalists and the New School Presbyterians alike. Trouble arose in the 1850's, because it was felt by some that this agency, which was then largely controlled by the Congregationalists, discriminated against Presbyterian missionary work.

During this decade a tremendous advance in population and economics was being made in the Saginaw Valley region, which was a part of the Detroit Presbytery. The timber of that region had made possible the rise of an important industry. The towns of Saginaw and Bay City were expecting great prosperity; settlements sprang up throughout this section of Michigan. The Detroit Presbytery applied to the American Home Missionary Society for the support of missionaries in that district, but such help was not obtainable. Soon afterwards, the Detroit Presbytery and the Presbytery of Monroe, each commissioned and supported a missionary for the district.

Work flourished in the new missionary area and a large number of churches were established. By 1856 there were sufficient churches in this area to form the Presbytery of Saginaw, which consisted of the counties of Lapeer, Genesee, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Tuscola, Gladwin, and all territory north of these counties and east of the 'Grand Meridian' in the Lower Peninsula.² There remained, however, in the

1. Detroit Presbytery, Minutes, July 11, 1838, pp. 313-315.

2. Marsh, op. cit., passim.

Presbytery of Detroit the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Sanilac, and Huron. Nine churches and seven ministers were taken from the Presbytery of Detroit to form the Saginaw Presbytery.

In 1849 the Second Presbyterian Church of Detroit, now the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, was organized and established on the corner of Lafayette and Wayne Streets.¹ Rev. Robert R. Kellogg was the first pastor of this church, and remained until 1853. Rev. Henry Neill served from 1854 to 1857, when he resigned because of sympathies for the Old School branch of the church. The First Presbyterian Church of Detroit had been prospering under the leadership of Rev. George Duffield, Sr., who served as pastor from 1838 until his death in 1868.

The third Presbyterian church in Detroit, the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, was organized in 1854.² Joshua Cooke was the first pastor. His successor was Rev. Hugh McElroy, who served the congregation from 1855 to 1857. Rev. William Hogarth served as pastor of this church from 1858 to 1873. Central Presbyterian Church was organized in 1842 as the Scotch Presbyterian Church.³ It did not become a member of the American Presbyterian body until 1879. In 1857 Rev. Henry Neill, who had resigned the Fort Street pastorate, organized the Westminster Presbyterian Church⁴ as a member of the Presbytery of Michigan, which was the organization of the Old School body in Michigan; it did not become a member of the Presbytery of Detroit until the union in 1870.

Civil War

The major issue in the 1860's, of course, was the Civil War. The Synod of Michigan strongly condemned the "rebellion" of the southern states. As has been said, Michigan Presbyterians had strong antipathies to slavery. Since the minutes of the Presbytery of Detroit for this period have been lost, it is not known what resolutions were made concerning the war. The General Assembly of the New School branch was very bitter against the Southern States. In 1861 a resolution was adopted condemning the South in unequivocal terms, stating that the war was a "godly and holy war" and urging upon Presbyterian members the duty of fighting for the Union and aiding in any way possible. At the close of the war the Synod accepted a resolution recognizing the "hand of God in the

1. See entry 32; also Fort St. Presbyterian Church, Minutes.

2. See entry 36; also Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Minutes.

3. See entry 27; also Central Presbyterian Church, Minutes.

4. See entry 40; also Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minutes.

victory and thanking God for the return of peace to the country."¹

The Church Re-united

The most important event of the latter part of the decade was the reunion of the dissenting branches of the church. The General Assemblies, both of the Old School and of the New, met in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1866. This meant that the ministers of the western churches, who were more or less affected by the split of the church in 1837-38, controlled both bodies. Each adopted a resolution indorsing reunion and a special joint committee to consider this important step was appointed.² The matter was advanced in the convention of 1867, where it evoked general enthusiasm. However, the opposition of the few conservative leaders prevented reunion until two years later.³ In 1869 both bodies met in the city of New York. An acceptable plan of union had been drawn up by the committee appointed. The General Assembly of the New School voted unanimously for reunion. The vote in the other branch was 285 to 9. The 113 presbyteries of the New School voted unanimously for reunion. In the Old School body the vote of the presbyteries was 126 to 3 for reunion. One of the dissenting presbyteries was in South America, another was in a southern state.

There were several factors which explained this change in attitude. First, the fears among conservative members of the Old School branch that the pastors of the New School Assembly were departing from traditional Presbyterian theology and going into Unitarianism had proved unfounded. When the plan of reunion was broached, the only doctrinal faults which could be brought against the New School body were heterodoxies of Beecher, Barnes, and Duffield, and in doctrine the Old School branch had been growing toward the ideas of the New School body. Thus, the doctrinal difficulties were no longer a serious bar to reunion and did not constitute a sufficient basis for a division of the church.⁴

A factor in bringing about reunion was the common patriotism of both wings of the church during the Civil War. Both the Old School and the New School assemblies urged their members to help the union in any way possible. As Mr. Vander Velde says, "so far as Northern Presbyterians were concerned, the great war which had

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1. Quoted by Lewis G. Vander Velde, The Presbyterian Churches and the Federal Union, 1861-1869; Harvard Historical Studies, vol. XXXIII (Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1932), pp. 344-345.
 2. Ibid., pp. 504-505.
 3. Ibid., pp. 513-515.
 4. Ibid., pp. 481-483.

taken place had turned their minds from their ecclesiastical differences to their common interests in the salvation of the Union. Distinction between Old School and New School had seemed to fade away as it became increasingly clear that both bodies felt alike on the problems of loyalty and slavery."¹

The act of reunion had but little effect on the Church in Michigan. In 1841 the Michigan Presbytery reported 4 churches and 3 ministers. Three of the churches were within the limits of the Presbytery of Detroit, namely, Northville, East Nankin, and Plymouth. By 1850 the presbytery had grown to 13 churches, but had only 7 ministers. In 1860 there were 15 churches but still there were only 7 ministers available. Some consolidation had taken place by 1869, when the presbytery reported 12 churches and 10 ministers. The reunion brought the churches of Westminster (Detroit), Northville, South Lyon, Plymouth, Oakland, and Clarkston, within the Presbytery of Detroit.²

Interest in Education

In the 1880's the educational work in the presbytery received a strong impetus. In 1886 Rev. J. Ambrose Wright was instrumental in founding Alma College, at Alma, Gratiot County. This region hitherto had been neglected in the field of education. At the outset it was provided that no sectarian discriminations were to be made in the choice of students.³

In 1888 a house and lot in Ann Arbor were deeded to be used as a hall for students and for religious activities of the Presbyterian church. An organization was soon formed and named Tappan Presbyterian Association. This student religious society instituted a series of lectures and formed a library.⁴ The yearly lectures sponsored by this organization were usually delivered by the outstanding churchmen of Michigan, though some were delivered by nationally eminent authorities of the Presbyterian church. The library grew rapidly and in 1892 it contained 12,000 volumes.⁵ It included the collections of Reverends George Duffield, Sr. and Jr., and John G. Atterbury, the latter was pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Detroit, from 1872 to 1874. The collection has since been given to the University of Michigan General Library and is prized by the librarians as a valuable accession in the field of church history.

Another outstanding event of the 1880's was the formation of

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1. Vander Velde, op. cit., p. 520.
 2. Marsh, op. cit., pp. 63-64.
 3. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, 1886, pp. 20-23.
 4. Ibid., 1888, pp. 23-25.
 5. Ibid., 1892, p. 21.

the Presbytery of Flint. It was organized in 1889 and included ministers and churches within the counties of St. Clair, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer, Genesee, and Shiawassee. At the time of its organization the new presbytery contained 35 churches and 28 ministers. Some of these were taken from the Presbytery of Detroit, but the majority came from the Presbytery of Saginaw.¹

Administration of Presbytery

By 1900 the work of the church had developed to such an extent that a more specialized organization was needed to administer it. In that year (1900), there existed the following permanent committees:²

1. Home Missions
2. Foreign Missions
3. Ministerial Education
4. 'Sabbath' School Work
5. Ministerial Relief
6. Freedmen
7. Aid for Colleges
8. Systematic Beneficence
9. Temperance
10. Young Peoples' Societies
11. Church Erection
12. Church Property
13. American Bible Society
14. Examinations (for ordination)

In the synodical minutes of 1902 there appears a statement which should be of interest to all students of Presbyterian history in Michigan. Rev. Theodore Marsh reports that he is writing a History of the Presbyterian Church of Michigan (a work which is now invaluable for the study of Presbyterian history in the state). He states that he has modern records of value in writing this work and asks at the meeting of the synod that every effort be made to locate those records which he did not have, and that information as to their whereabouts be communicated to him.³

As the organization of the church and the scope of its work became more complex, it was apparent that the legal status of the church organizations should be defined and made uniform. In 1899 a committee was appointed to report on the plans for the incorporation of the presbytery.⁴ The committee reported in 1900 that incorporation

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1. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, 1889, p. 19.
 2. Presbytery of Michigan, Minutes, 1900, pp. 239-243.
 3. Synod of Michigan, Minutes, 1902, pp. 32-34.
 4. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1899, pp. 84-85.

was advisable, but that the contemporary statutes of the State were not suitable for the incorporation of the presbytery. The committee suggested that since the law could be amended, it was advisable to delay incorporation until more appropriate legislation could be enacted.¹ A more favorable act was passed by the legislature in 1901 and the presbytery was incorporated under the new act.² By 1908 the work of many of the churches had become so complex that they also deemed it advisable to incorporate under the new act. In that year a committee was appointed to effect the passage of a law governing incorporation of Presbyterian churches,³ and the following year satisfactory legislation was enacted.⁴

Socialization of Religion

The turn of the century and the World War saw a profound shift in the attitudes, opinions, policy, and organization of most churches in America, including the Presbyterian denomination. The 19th century had been pietistic about personal morality. However, their attitude toward social problems and social ethics, except for the matter of slavery, had been largely one of quietism. Even slave-owning was made less a social problem than a problem of personal morality. The organization of society and the social fabric were felt to be outside the realm of religious opinion.

However, in a metropolis of the 20th century, the Presbyterian church, like every other denominational body, found itself unable to ignore the pressing social problems of the day. Relations were no longer personal as they had been in the agrarian communities which dominated the 19th century scene. It was obvious that personal ethical concepts were poor guides to action in impersonal social relationships. The 19th century had not envolved any regulations for dealing with such impersonal situations. At that time impersonal relations were not as important to mankind as they became in the 20th century. However, in our own day they cannot be ignored by any body of men which had any interest in preserving civilization. Perforce the Presbyterian church in Michigan found that a "socialized religion" was necessary to retain its adherents.

In the first decade of the 20th century this process was found at work. However, it proceeded slowly, and the old forms of theorizing

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1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1900, pp. 148-149.
 2. Ibid., 1901, pp. 367-370; Public Acts, 1901, Act 89, passed Apr. 25.
 3. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1908, p. 322.
 4. Public Acts, 1909, Act 265, passed Sept. 1.

had considerable hold on the members of the church for many years. Superficial evidence of more advanced theories might be seen in a petition of the presbytery for a new 'short' creed to stand beside the Westminster Confession. It was designed that "this creed should be, rather than polemical, emphasizing those doctrines known as evangelic."¹ The presbytery later clarified its stand on this creed by explaining that the new creed was to "supplement our present doctrinal standards with a briefer statement of the doctrines 'most surely believed among us'."² It would seem then that this movement in 1900 was made for convenience and not for the purpose of simplifying or relaxing a rigorous evangelical Calvinism of the 19th century.

In 1908 the presbytery again petitioned the General Assembly to formulate "a concise catechism in modern phraseology for the instruction of children and youth." Ostensibly this new catechism was to fill a gap between the children's catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Since few churches in the presbytery used the latter, the new catechism was probably designed as a substitute for it.³

Further evidence of the slow disappearance of 19th century concepts was the great interest in evangelistic work and meetings from 1900 to 1910. In 1901 a Committee on Evangelistic Work was appointed.⁴ It formulated complex and costly plans for inaugurating evangelistic meetings in every church.⁵ Later that year the presbytery hired an evangelist to hold meetings during the month of February 1902.⁶ In 1906 plans were made for another large evangelistic campaign; there were to be a series of meetings and a famous evangelist was to be engaged. Preparation was to be made for the meetings by daily services at noon in factories and in places of business.⁷ By 1908 the interest in a "large" plan for evangelism had subsided. It was felt that the matter was one to be left to individual churches, and the Committee on Evangelistic Work suggested that each church train a body of field workers. It also brought up the possibility of carrying on a tent campaign in Detroit.⁸ However, from a report made in 1909, it is obvious that these plans failed to bring any great number of people into the church. In that year such services were explained on a new basis; they were to be

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1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1900, p. 164.
 2. Ibid., p. 227.
 3. Ibid., 1908, p. 347.
 4. Ibid., 1901, p. 347.
 5. Ibid., pp. 375-378.
 6. Ibid., pp. 389-390.
 7. Ibid., 1906, pp. 221-224.
 8. Ibid., 1908, p. 377.

presented "for the awakening of spiritual interests and the deepening of spiritual life."¹

Co-operation with other Denominations

Movement toward co-operation among the Protestant denominations in Detroit began about 1900. At first the Presbytery of Detroit was reluctant to join any such movement. To a request in 1902 from the synod for the consideration of a federation of denominations in Michigan the presbytery replied that it was not yet ready to enter such a federation.² However, in 1903 the synod appointed a committee to consider such co-operation. By 1911 the attitude of the presbytery had radically changed. In that year members were appointed to an inter-denominational committee for the purpose of locating new churches.³ The inter-denominational organization in Detroit grew more complex, and in 1914 the presbytery was electing members to a Cooperative Council of City Missions in Detroit, which was composed of representatives from the Episcopal, Lutheran, Evangelical, Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian denominations. This council had only advisory power, but it served as an effective body for locating city missions.⁴

In 1919 the presbytery was electing members to the Detroit Council of Churches of Christ, which still serves as the inter-denominational organization of most of the Protestant churches of Detroit.⁵

A further advance was made in 1920, when a plan was evolved for federated churches containing several denominations. The minister was to be an approved Presbyterian or a minister in good standing of another denomination approved by the Presbyterian church.⁶ This plan made possible the development of the small community churches, which have played so conspicuous a part in the religious life of suburban Detroit.

Social Work

In 1901 the presbytery took cognizance of the changing character of the population of Detroit. Many immigrants had come in from the Latin and Balkan countries of Europe. The assimilation of such groups was considered more difficult than

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1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1909, p. 438.
 2. Ibid., 1902, p. 500.
 3. Ibid., 1911, p. 531.
 4. Ibid., 1914, pp. 114-115.
 5. Ibid., 1919, p. 477.
 6. Ibid., 1920, pp. 575-576.

it had been for immigrants from northern Europe. Recognizing that here was an excellent field for social and religious work, the presbytery adopted a resolution establishing a permanent committee to supervise the work among foreign groups in Detroit. One of the members of the first committee was Rev. Edward H. Pence.¹ Other important work among foreign groups was instituted by Sarah Grindley, a member of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church. She organized a mission Sunday School for Armenians in 1901, which has since become the Gershom Settlement. In 1925 Miss Grindley erected the present building of the settlement at her own expense.² In 1905 she established a Sunday School for Hungarian immigrants in the south-western section of Detroit, known as Delray. This Sunday School has now grown into the Delray Presbyterian Institute and represents important social service work in that section of the City.³

Work among foreign groups more directly supervised by the presbytery was that of the Italian Mission (now First Italian Presbyterian Church),⁴ established in 1898. In 1900 the presbytery ordained a Mr. Monteleone as an evangelist to the Italian population of Detroit; however, little was accomplished until 1902 when Mr. P.D. De Carlo was placed in charge. The presbytery committee in charge of the mission was given permission to erect a building when it was financially possible.⁵ Under the leadership of De Carlo the work progressed rapidly and in 1914 the mission was given the status of a church.⁶ In 1915 we find that in addition to the usual church work the church maintained evening study classes, an employment department, and a young men's association.⁷

Further work among minority racial groups is represented by St. John's Church, which was planned in 1917 and organized as a church in 1919. This church is an organization for the colored race in the heart of Detroit's Negro section.⁸

The Executive Committee

As the work of the presbytery became more complex, the necessity of a continuing committee was felt, which could take action when the presbytery was not in session. In 1909 the

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1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1901, pp. 338-339.
 2. See entry 60; Sixteenth Annual Report of The Presbyterian Board of Church Extension, 1937-1938, p. 7.
 3. Loc. cit.; see entry 63.
 4. See entry 69; also First Italian Presbyterian Church, Minutes.
 5. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1907, p. 255.
 6. Ibid., 1914, p. 124.
 7. Ibid., 1915, p. 195.
 8. See entry 76; also St. John's Presbyterian Church, Minutes.

presbytery created an executive committee with the following duties:¹

1. Give advice to churches and individuals
2. License ministers for work until the next meeting of the presbytery
3. Arrange place and program for stated meetings of presbytery
4. Pass upon the credentials of ministers applying for admission to the presbytery
5. Examine churches and missions having difficulties
6. Take charge of vacant self-sufficient churches
7. Serve as an employment board for ministers
8. General supervision over budgets and plans

Church Extension Committee

In 1917 the missionary work of the presbytery was put on a more regular basis. The Church Extension Committee, which had charge of this work, was reorganized.² It was to consist of fifteen members, namely, seven ministers and eight elders. Each to serve a three-year term. The terms were staggered, five members being elected each year. The committee was given the power to fill its own vacancies in the interim between meetings of the presbytery. The moderator of the presbytery, the superintendent of church extension, and the treasurer of the Church Extension Committee were to serve as ex-officio members. An advisory committee of sixteen members, each from a different church, was appointed to assist the committee. The committee was given the following duties.

1. Supervision of all missionary work in the presbytery
2. Location and erection of church buildings and securing funds therefore
3. To grant or withhold financial aid
4. To advise the union of churches on removals, and the sale of property
5. To consider applications of new churches
6. To supervise pastors in churches receiving aid
7. To recommend removing such pastors
8. To appoint men to its salaried offices

In 1914 the Church Extension Committee took cognizance of the remarkable growth of the city of Detroit, as one can see from the preamble to their report for that year, which was prepared and read by Dr. Edward H. Pence, the chairman of the committee;³

"The remarkable numerical and industrial growth of the city of

1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1909, pp. 406-408, 414.
 2. Ibid., 1917, pp. 384-393.
 3. Ibid., 1914, pp. 70-80.

Detroit, resulting in a remarkable change in its population and neighborhoods, demands of a presbytery, so large a part of whose obligations are within the bounds of the city, special attention at this time. Some of our churches which have occupied locations for a half a century, and other churches of shorter duration, find themselves surrounded by an environment which cannot furnish a constituency. The question, therefore, confronting them and the presbytery is whether such congregations, though both active and zealous, yet accomplishing a minimum of good at a maximum of cost, would not better decide upon a change of location which will result in a greater work and a larger following, especially in cases where other churches and denominations are amply able to minister to their present neighborhoods. Also there being churches of our own denomination with over-lapping parishes and ministering to the same neighborhoods, would it not be wise for such congregations to consider the advisability of union?"

After the preamble the Church Extension Committee made the following recommendations:¹

1. Union of Jefferson Avenue and Bethany churches²
2. Union of Memorial and Cadillac churches³
3. Union of Westminster and Forest Avenue churches⁴
4. Sale of Calvary and St. Andrew's⁵ and their perpetuation in new structures
5. Establishment of new churches in the East Fairview and Fourteenth Boulevard sections⁶
6. Continuation of downtown work
7. Establishment of a mission in the north-east section of the city, near the Dodge Brothers plant⁷

These recommendations were the results of several year's intensive study and were to be regarded as a long-term plan for the development of the church in growing Detroit. Most of these recommendations have since been executed in conformance with the plans as outlined by the committee.

Form of Organization, the Presbytery

The first enduring presbytery in America, known as "the

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1. Presbytery of Detroit, Minutes, 1914, pp. 81-83.
 2. See entries 36, 49.
 3. See entries 47, 59.
 4. See entries 40, 50.
 5. See entries 44, 57.
 6. See entries 73, 78.
 7. See entry 81.

Presbytery," or "the General Presbytery," was organized in 1706, under the leadership of Francis Makemie. It was composed of seven ministers: two of these were from Ireland, one from Scotland, and four from New England. The first recorded meeting was at Freehold on December 27, 1706, to ordain a certain John Boyd.¹ The presbytery is a governmental agency through which the individual churches of a district are united, supervised, and controlled. The minister is a member of presbytery, not of the "particular church." He is responsible to presbytery, and removable only by presbytery. It consists of all the ministers who are members, whether or not they are pastors, and an elder from each church. If a church has two installed pastors, it has two elders to represent it in presbytery.²

The Session

The Session consists of elders, who are elected by the church members, and it has complete supervision of the spiritual life of the church and all its organizations, services and work. The minister is the presiding officer, or moderator, and is also an elder (a teaching elder), while the other members of the Session are ruling elders. It receives and dismisses members, keeps an exact roll of membership and a record of all activities, supervises worship, including the music, and determines the educational and Young People's work of the church. It has the right to inquire into the Christian conduct of any of the members, and can suspend all those whose conduct is not considered Christian. It seeks to stimulate interest in the work of the church and church attendance.³

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1. Lefferts A. Loetscher, A.M., A Brief History of the Presbyterians, Philadelphia, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 1938, p. 38.
 2. Our Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, 1933, pp. 19-20.
 3. Ibid., pp. 18-19.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1789-- , Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Organized 1789 as a governing and coordinating body of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The Assembly consists of five departments, The General Council, The Trustees of the General Assembly, and four boards. Officers: Moderator, Ruling Elder Sam Higginbottom; vice moderator, Rev. Jesse Halsey; stated clerk emeritus, Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, Philadelphia, Pa.; stated clerk, Rev. William Barrow Pugh, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer, Land Title Bank and Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa. Departments and officers: Administration, Henry Barraclough, manager; Publicity, Rev. Paul Patton Faris, manager; Vacancy and Supply, Clarence S. Pendrick, manager; Church Co-operation and Union, Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, chairman; History, Rev. Thomas C. Pears, Jr., manager. The General Council: Chairman, Ruling Elder Sam Higginbottom; vice chairman, Rev. George Emerson Barnes; secretary, Rev. William Burrow Pugh. Trustees: President, J. Howard Pew; vice president, Rev. Edward Yates Hill; corresponding secretary, Rev. H. Alford Boggs; recording secretary, Henry Barraclough. Officers of the Boards: National Missions; President, Louis H. Evans; vice presidents, Mrs. F.S. Bennett and Roy M. Hart; general secretary, Rev. E. Graham Wilson; administrative secretary and clerk of the board, Rev. H.N. Morse; treasurer, C.N. Wonacott; assistant treasurer, Mary W. Torrence. Office, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

2. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN, 1834-- , 1109 Kales Bldg., Detroit.

Organized 1834 as a governing and coordinating body of the Presbyterian church in Michigan, which at that time consisted of the presbyteries of Detroit, Monroe, and St. Joseph. Prior to 1834 these presbyteries were a part of the Synod of Western Reserve. The Synod comprises the following presbyteries: Detroit, representing 69 churches; Flint, representing 13 churches; Grand Rapids, representing 13 churches; Kalamazoo, representing 19 churches; Lake Superior, representing 31 churches; Lansing, representing 32 churches; Petoskey, representing 13 churches; Saginaw, representing 30 churches, making a total of 220 churches with a membership enrollment of approximately 70,000. Officers: moderator, Rev. Charles W. Sidebotham, East Jordan; vice moderator, Rev. J.W. Boyer, Saginaw; stated clerk, Rev. John Comin, D.D., 160 Rackham Bldg., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; permanent clerk, Rev. Willis L. Gelston, D.D., 20 Cortland Street, Highland Park; Synodical executive and benevolence treasurer, Rev. John K. Bibby, 1109 Kales Building, Detroit; director of religious education, John W. McGraken, 1109 Kales Building, Detroit. General Council, Rev. C.W. Sidebotham, chairman, East Jordan. Committees and officers: Committee on National Missions, Rev. C.B.

Hawkins, chairman, 402 S. College Street, Mt. Pleasant; Committee on Foreign Missions, Rev. Jonas W. Boyer, chairman, 708 S. Weadock Street, Saginaw; Committee on Christian Education, John Wirt Dunning, president, Alma College, Alma; Committee on Pensions, Rev. Henry Kreulen, chairman, 308 Lafayette Street, Bay City; Committee on United Promotion, Rev. F.G. Behner, chairman, 128 Washington Street, Monroe; Committee on Social Education and Action, Rev. C.M. Muulenburg, chairman, 815 Princeton Avenue, Lansing; Committee on Ministerial Relations, Rev. O.H. Hood, chairman, 2012 Milbourne Avenue, Flint.

Manuscript minutes, 1834-84, 7 vols. (vols. 3 and 4 missing), printed minutes, 1850-1936, 8 vols. (1853, 1854 missing), on deposit at the Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; 1937--, 3 vols., in custody of Rev. John Comin, stated clerk, 160 Rackham Bldg., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

3. WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS, 1919--, Office of the President, 12224 Littlefield Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1919. The organization coordinates the various women's activities in the Synod. Officers: President, Mrs. Arthur A. Putman, 12224 Littlefield Avenue, Detroit; advisory vice-presidents, Mrs. Oren Scotten, Wardell Apartments, Detroit, and Mrs. Richard Owen, Grosse Ile; first vice-president (membership), Mrs. D.D. Walker, 160 Calvert Avenue, Detroit; second vice-president (stewardship), Mrs. D.W. Barclay, 520 E. Cass Street, Cadillac; third vice-president (national missions and overseas hospital sewing), Miss Allie Littlejohn, 169 Harvard Street, Battle Creek; fourth vice-president (missionary correspondence), Mrs. Nellie Thompson, 15350 Lauder Avenue, Detroit; recording secretary, Mrs. Amos R. Shields, 18057 Northlawn Avenue, Detroit; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry L. Martin, 2466 Calvert Avenue, Detroit; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, 1710 Fisher Building, Detroit; literature, Mrs. George Yonkman, 959 Pinecrest SE., Grand Rapids; missionary education, Mrs. W.H. Barton, 310 Oxford Road, East Lansing; young people, Mrs. H.E. DeWick, 5052 Pacific Avenue, Detroit; intermediates, Mrs. H.B. Lehmer, 119 W. Downie Street, Alma; children, Mrs. R. Dean Kirk, 1659 Woodlawn Park Drive, Flint; vice-presidents at large, Miss Marie F. Roe, 1102 Kales Building, Detroit, Mrs. Alfred G. Knapp, Cass City, Mrs. A. Vanderbeld, 959 Scribner Avenue NW., Grand Rapids, Mrs. O.S. Trumble, 1934 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, Mrs. William M. Lewis, Iron Mountain, Mrs. Charles Blanchard, 414 W. Mansion Street, Marshall, Mrs. C.L. Wright, Harbor Springs, Mrs. T.N. Goodwyn, 321 Wheeler Street, Saginaw.

Records, 1919--, loose-leaf; kept in Presbyterian Office, 1102 Kales Building, Detroit.

4. DETROIT PRESBYTERY, 1827--, 1109 Kales Bldg., Detroit.

Organized 1827 as a coordinating body, with jurisdiction over the Presbyterian Church in Michigan, which at that time consisted of five churches, located at Detroit, Farmington, Monroe, Pontiac, and Mackinac. There were present at the first meeting Noah M. Wells, William Page, Erie Prince, Isaac Ruggles and elders Stephen C. Henry of Detroit, Stephen V. Trowbridge of Pontiac and Erastus Ingersoll of Farmington. The Detroit Presbytery was part of the Synod of Western Reserve prior to the organization of the Synod of Michigan (see entry 2) in 1834. At present the Detroit Presbytery consists of sixty-nine churches located at Allen Park, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Brighton, Center Line, Dearborn, Detroit, Ecorse, Erie, Erin, Ferndale, Garden City, Holly, Howell, Ida, Lake Shore, La Salle, Lochmoor, Milan, Milford, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Petersburg, Plymouth, Pontiac, Rosedale, Royal Oak, Saline, South Lyon, Springfield, Trenton, Troy Center, Unadilla, White Lake, Wyandotte and Ypsilanti. Officers: moderator, Arthur W. Ratz, 254 McKinley Avenue, Grosse Pointe; stated clerk, Rev. William F. Hoot, 7074 W. Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit; permanent clerk, Lewis S. Brook, 2512 Helen Avenue, Detroit; executive secretary and benevolence treasurer, Paul H. Buchholz, 1109 Kales Building, Detroit. General Council, Leslie A. Bechtel, chairman, 15965 Ashton Avenue, Detroit. Permanent committees and officers: United Promotion, Frederick G. Behner, chairman, 126 Washington Avenue, Monroe; National Missions (The Presbyterian Board of Church Extension), Samuel H. Forrer, chairman, 8625 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; Foreign Missions, William R. Van Buskirk, chairman, 3600 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit; Christian Education, Robert S. Steen, chairman, 529 Henrie Boulevard, Royal Oak; Pensions, John R. McWilliams, chairman, 17200 Redford Avenue, Detroit; Social Education and Action, John B. Forsyth, chairman, 9601 Hubbard Avenue, Rosedale Gardens.

Minutes, 1827-48, 1900-20, 4 vols., in Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; 1921--, 2 vols., in custody of Rev. William F. Hoot, 7074 W. Lafayette Blvd. (1849-99 missing). Financial records (current only), 1 vol., kept at 1109 Kales Building, Detroit.

5. WOMEN'S PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS, 1921--, office of the president, 76 W. Adams Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1921 for promotion of missions. Officers: President, Marie F. Roe; first vice president, Mrs. James G. Moyle, 13171 Mendota Ave., Detroit; second vice president, Mrs. John C. Miller, 306 Euclid Ave., Mt. Clemens; recording secretary, Mrs. Bruce B. Bender, 4334 Yorkshire Ave., Detroit; corresponding and membership secretary, Mrs. Harry M. Boorn, 48 Waldo Ave., Pontiac; foreign treasurer, Mrs. J.E. Brown, 90 Grove Ave., Highland Park; children's secretary, Mrs. Bertrand W. Cooper, 8308 Carbondale Ave., Detroit.

Records, 1921-- , loose-leaf; kept in Presbyterian Office, 1109 Kales Building, Detroit.

6. ALMA COLLEGE, 1887-- , Alma, Gratiot County.

Organized 1887 by Rev. J. Ambrose Wright for general and religious education, under supervision of the Synod of Michigan. First two buildings on twenty-five acres of ground donated by Ammi Wright. Subsequent buildings erected: Library, 1889; Gymnasium, 1895; Hood Museum, 1900; Wright Hall (girls' dormitory), 1902. Officers: President, John Wirt Dunning; vice president, Roy W. Hamilton; dean, Silas O. Rorem; registrar, Robert W. Clark; secretary and assistant treasurer, Chester R. Robinson. See: A.F. Brush, D.D., History of Alma College, 1886-1896, Alma, C.F. Brown, Printer, 1896, 6 pp. J. Ray Johnson, A Brief History of Alma College, 1886-1896, Detroit, The Alumni and Friends of Alma College, 1921, 16 pp. Rev. Lewis S. Brooke, D.D., Fifty Years of Alma College, Alma, 1936, 8 pp. John W. Dunning, Citizenship Education at Alma College, vol. 36, no. 7. Alma College Bulletin, vol. 36, no. 1.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

7. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly The First Protestant Society, 1816-- , 39 Edmund Pl., Detroit.

Organized 1816 as The First Protestant Society; Re-organized as First Presbyterian Church, and elders elected August, 1818. Reorganized and Presbyterian Articles of Faith adopted 1825. Services first held in the municipal Council Building. First church building, Larned Street and Woodward Avenue, dedicated 1820; frame structure. Second church building, on same site, dedicated 1835; brick structure; destroyed by fire 1854. Third church building, Gratiot Avenue and Farmer Street, dedicated 1855; brick structure. Present church building dedicated 1891; brownstone structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Monteith, 1816-21; graduate of Jefferson College and Princeton Seminary. Present clergyman, Rev. Frederick H. Olert, 2512 Boston Blvd., Rev. Joseph A. Vance, pastor emeritus, 45 Edmund Pl.

Minutes (including financial records, 1826-91), 1826-- , 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1826-- , 4 vols. Financial records, 1912-- , card file. Sunday School records, 1854-- , 6 vols. Records kept in church study.

8. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1820-- , First and Washington Sts., Monroe, Monroe County.

Organized 1820. Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. From 1816 to 1832 services were held in private homes, in courthouse, and in various halls. First church building, Cass and First Streets, dedicated 1832; brick structure. Present church building dedicated 1848; remodeled 1872-73; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. W.P. Warriner, 1829-34. Present clergyman, Rev. Frederick George Behner, 126 Washington St.

Minutes, 1856-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1820-- , 6 vols. Financial records, 1913-- , 14 vols. Records kept in church study.

9. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1824-- , Huron and Wayne Sts., Pontiac, Oakland County.

Organized 1824. Members of Presbytery of Michigan, Old School Assembly, 1838-70. Services first held in the home of John Voorhies, Bloomfield; from 1824 to 1841 in various homes and in schoolhouse in Bloomfield; from 1841 to 1844 in Academy Hall, Pontiac. First church building, Saginaw and Huron Streets, dedicated 1844. Second church building, on same site, dedicated 1871; partly destroyed by fire 1914; razed 1920. From 1914 to 1924, services held in City Library and in present church basement. Present church building dedicated 1924 ; brick structure with two towers and carillon, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac W. Ruggles, 1824-28. Present clergyman, Rev. William H. Marbach, 8 Neome Dr.

See: Rev. William S. Jerome, Celebration of 70th Anniversary, February 25-27, 1894, Pontiac, Gazette Publishing House, 1894, broadside; copy in church files. "Presbyterians Celebrate Their 115th Anniversary," in The Pontiac Daily Press, February 24, 1939.

Register (baptisms and deaths; also minutes and financial records), 1824--, 15 vols.; members, 1824--, 3 vols. Sunday School records, 1937--, 1 vol. Records kept in church office.

10. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1826--, 1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County.

Organized 1826. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. First church building dedicated 1829; frame structure. Second church building dedicated 1837; frame building. Third church building dedicated 1860; brick structure. Above buildings were on E. Huron Street near Division Street. Present church building dedicated 1937; Indiana limestone structure; Gothic architecture; Mayers, Murray, and Philip, architects; carved woodwork on lectern, lectern rail, altar, pulpit, and chairs of chancel by Alois Lang of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Page, 1826-30. Present clergyman, Rev. William P. Lemon, 1015 Martin Pl. The church is the joint property of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Corporation (a corporate body created by the Synod) by formal agreement in 1927, revised 1936. See: E.P. Goodrich, A Hundred Years of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., Ann Arbor, 1926, 37 pp.; Preliminary Report, Treasurer of Building Committee, Ann Arbor, 1938, 16 pp. The Presbyterian Plan, Plant, and Program at Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Press, 1938, 30 pp.; The Churchman's Digest, The 114th Annual Report of the First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1939-40 (mimeo.), 1 leaf.

Session minutes, 1872-1930, 1934--, 4 vols.; Trustees' minutes, 1883-1930, 2 vols. Registers: communicants, 1872--, 3 vols.; members, dismissions, deaths, officers, 1872-1900, 1 vol.; dismissions and receptions, 1908-37, 6 vols.; marriages, 1924--, 1 vol.; baptisms, 1935--, 1 vol. Financial records: Deacons' fund, 1868--, 1 vol.; Trustees' journal, cashbook, securities record, 1919--, 2 vols.; Treasurer's record, 1931--, 1 vol.; Local building ledger, journal, cashbook, 1926--, 3 vols.; University of Michigan Corporation ledger, journal, cashbook, endowment fund, 1928-39, 3 vols.; Boy Scout Troop accounts, 1924-27, 1 vol.; Sunday School financial record, 1932-33, 2 vols. Ladies' Society register, cashbook, minutes, 1876-86, 1 vol. Miscellaneous records, 1 vol., 3 file boxes, 7 envelopes.

11. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, formerly First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 1829--, E. Main and Church Sts., Northville, Wayne County.

Organized 1829 as First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Present name adopted 1889. Services first held in various homes and in schoolhouse on Hutton Road. First church building dedicated 1836; frame structure. Second church building dedicated 1846; remodeled and rededicated 1875; enlarged and remodeled 1912-13; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1931; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Dubuar, 1851-68; graduate of Burton Theological Seminary, Manchester, Vermont, and Union College, Schenectady, New York. Present clergyman, Rev. Thomas W. Smith, 158 Main St. See: Henry Monroe White, Historical Sketch, in Northville Record, July 13, 1888. Charles L. Dubuar, Historical Sketch, in Northville Record, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1930.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes), 1829--, 4 vols. (vols. 2 and 3 missing), in custody of Charles L. Dubuar, 418 N. Main St. Financial records, 1829--, 6 vols., kept in church study.

12. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1829--, 300 Washington St., Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County.

Organized 1829. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. First church building, Adams Street, dedicated 1836; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1857; remodeled 1898; brick structure, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ira M. Reed, 1830-47. Present clergyman, Rev. Ramon Bair, 218 Washtenaw Ave.

Minutes, 1836--, 6 vols. Register of members, 1836--, 5 vols. Financial records, 1910--, 8 vols. Records excepting current volumes in Michigan Historical Collection, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; current vols. kept in church study.

13. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1831--, 113 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, Washtenaw County.

Organized 1831 in Newark, New York, by a group who settled in Saline later the same year and established the church under the present name. From 1831 to 1842 services were held in private homes, schoolhouses, and other churches. First church building dedicated 1842; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1898; brick and stone structure, Norman architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. J.G. Kanouse, Jr., 12 years (dates unknown). Present clergyman, Rev. Roy J. Miller, 305 N. Ann Arbor St. See: A.J. Lutz, Centennial History, 1831-1931, the church 1931, 20 pp.

Minutes, 1837-56, 1 vol. Sessional records, 1831-71, 1905-40, 4 vols. Financial records, 1880-1912, 2 vols. Ladies Aid financial records, 1865-92, 1 vol. Above records deposited in Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Later records not available.

14. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1831--, 205 Lake St. E., South Lyon, Oakland County.

Organized 1831. Members of Presbytery of Michigan

Old School Assembly, 1838-70. First church building, 3/4 mile east of town on what is now 10 Mile Road, dedicated 1831; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1882; brick structure, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ira M. Olds, 1838-42. Present clergyman, Rev. Hal. B. Wimberly, South Lyon.

Minutes, 1831-- , 4 vols.; vs. 1-2 and 3 in Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; v. 4 in custody of W.J. Emery, South Lyon. Register (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, and deaths), 1886-- , 1 vol., in custody of Ila Braun, South Lyon.

15. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Second Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 1833-- , S. Main St., Plymouth, Wayne County.

Organized 1833 as Second Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Members of the Presbytery of Michigan, Old School Assembly, 1838-70. Reorganized under present name 1907. Services first held in schoolhouse. First church building dedicated 1835; frame structure; sold to a Baptist congregation and removed 1849. Second church building dedicated 1849; remodeled 1877, 1904, and 1916; brick structure; destroyed by fire 1936. Present church building dedicated 1937; brick and stone structure in Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. A.M. McJunkin, 1835-36. Present clergyman, Rev. Walter Nichol, 737 Church St. See: Anon., "Historical Facts" in One Hundredth Anniversary Program, the church 1933, pp. 4-5.

Minutes, 1833-- , 21 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1833-- , 17 vols. Financial records, 1833-- , 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1833-- , 3 vols. Records kept in church study.

16. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Presbyterian Society of Bloomfield, Presbyterian Society of Birmingham, 1834-- , 388 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Oakland County.

Organized 1834 as Presbyterian Society of Bloomfield. Name changed to Presbyterian Society of Birmingham 1850; present name adopted 1884. Meetings first held in Elijah S. Fish's barn, subsequently in Davis Hotel, in schoolhouse, Mill and Chestnut Streets, and in Methodist church. First church building, on present site, dedicated 1844. Second church building dedicated and consecrated 1860. Present church building consecrated 1918; brick structure, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Noah Cook, 1834-36. Present clergyman, Rev. W. Glen Harris, 519 W. Maple St. See: Mrs. Thomas R. Navin, "A History of Our Church," in Centennial Anniversary Program, 1834-1934, Birmingham, 1934, pp. 5-15.

Minutes, 1834-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1834-- , 2 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in vault in Birmingham National Bank.

17. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1834--, 905 Mason St., Dearborn, Wayne County.

Organized 1834. Services first held in homes of various members. First church building, S.W. corner of Park and Mason Streets, dedicated 1848; frame structure. Second church building, on present site, dedicated 1908; brick and stone structure; razed 1929. Present church building dedicated 1930; brick and stone structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. R. Armstrong, 1837-39. Present clergyman, Rev. John T. Newell, 1807 Nowlin St.

Register (baptisms, members, marriages, and deaths; also minutes and Sunday School records), 1834--, 3 vols.; v. 1-2, in custody of Miss Kathleen Parr, 22374 Garrison Ave.; v. 3, in custody of Rev. John T. Newell, 1807, S. Nowlin St. Financial records, 1847--, 5 vols. v. 1-2, kept in vaults of Edison School; v. 3-4, in custody of Miss Kathleen Parr; v. 5, kept in church office.

18. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1834-54, Lodi Twp., Washtenaw County.

Organized 1834. Lapsed 1854 for lack of support. Meetings first held in private homes; from 1829 to 1837 in log schoolhouse. First and only church building dedicated 1837; frame structure; sold to Independent Church of Lodi 1854. No resident clergyman; services conducted intermittently by visiting clergyman of various denominations, 1834-54.

Records could not be found.

19. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--, New and Cherry Sts., Mt. Clemens, Macomb County.

Organized 1835. Services first held in log courthouse, then in hall, corner Gratiot Road and Macomb Street. First church building, Walnut and New Streets, dedicated 1841; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1892; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ralph S. Crampton, 1836-33. Present clergyman, Rev. Joseph L. Kennedy, 28 Ferrin Pl. See: Rev. Joseph L. Kennedy, "A History of Our Church," in Centennial Anniversary, 1835-1935, the church, pp. 5-11.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes; also financial records, 1835-48), 1835--, 5 vols. Financial records, 1849--, 2 vols. Records in custody of Rev. Joseph L. Kennedy, 28 Ferrin Pl.

20. WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1835--,
1801 White Lake Rd., Davisburg, R.F.D. #1,
Oakland County.

Organized 1835. From 1835 to 1869 services were held in homes of members. First and present church building dedicated 1870; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. George Hornell, 1835-47. Present clergyman, Rev. George A. Hill, R.F.D. #1, pastor of Springfield Presbyterian Church (see entry 22).

Minutes 1835--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1913--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1913--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1835--, 1 vol. Records in custody of Rev. George A. Hill, R.F.D. #1, Davisburg.

21. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Congregational Church, 1838--, W. Grand River Ave., Howell, Livingston County.

Organized 1838 as Congregational Church. Present name adopted 1845. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. Services first held in hall over store and in schoolhouse. First church building dedicated 1840; frame structure. Second church building, Sibley and McCarthy Streets, dedicated 1855; brick structure. Present church building dedicated 1915; stone structure, English Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Root, 1838-42, 1845-47. Present clergyman, Rev. Homer Mitchell Noble, 304 W. Sibley St. See: Rev. James Lewis, Manual of the First Presbyterian Church, Howell, the church, 1877.

Minutes, 1870--, 8 vols. Register (members and deaths), 1870--, 4 vols. Financial records, 1838--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1870--, 22 vols. Records kept in church vault. Other records could not be found.

22. SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1838--,
Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, R.F.D. #1,
Oakland County.

Organized 1838 as a branch of the White Lake Presbyterian Church (see entry 20); reorganized 1863 as an independent church. Place of worship prior to 1879 unknown. Present church building dedicated 1879; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. William P. Wastell, 1857-65. Present clergyman, Rev. George A. Hill, R.F.D. #1, Davisburg, pastor of White Lake Presbyterian Church (see entry 20).

Minutes, 1920--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1920--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1920--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1920--, 1 vol. Records in custody of Rev. George A. Hill, R.F.D. #1, Davisburg. Records prior to 1920 destroyed by fire.

23. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MILFORD, formerly Presbyterian Church of Milford, 1838-- , Main and Liberty Sts., Milford, Oakland County.

Organized 1838 as Presbyterian Church of Milford. Merged with the Congregational Church of Milford under the name of the United Presbyterian and Congregational Church of Milford 1845. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. Meetings first held in private homes and in Town Hall. First and present church building dedicated 1845; remodeled 1881 and 1900; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Albert Worthington, 1838-40. Present clergyman, Rev. Robert Vaughn Woods, Milford. See: Mrs. R.G. Rowe, "Historical Outline," in Centennial, 1838-1938, the church, 1938, pp. 10-16.

Minutes, 1838-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1927-- , 1 vol. Financial records, 1927-- , 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1927-- , 1 vol. Records in custody of Rev. Robert Vaughn Woods, Milford.

24. UNADILLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1839-- , Gregory, Livingston County.

Organized 1839. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. Services first held in Gregory schoolhouse. First church building dedicated 1846; brick structure; destroyed by cyclone 1914. Present church building dedicated 1914; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. David R. Dixon, 1839-43. Present clergyman, Rev. Theodore C. Hackenberg, Gregory.

Minutes, 1839-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1839-- , 1 vol. Financial records 1929-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

25. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE, formerly Church of Orion and Independence (Congregational), (dissolved), 1840-1932, Clarkston, R.F.D. #1, Oakland County.

Organized 1840 as "Church of Orion and Independence" (Congregational); reorganized 1843 as a Presbyterian church; re-organized 1856 as First Presbyterian Church of Independence. Until 1867 it was a member of the Presbytery of Michigan, Old School Assembly. Dissolved 1932 for lack of support. Place of worship prior to 1856 unknown. First and only church building dedicated 1856; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Albert Worthington, 1841-42. Last clergyman, Rev. William H. McKee, 1902-05.

Records could not be found.

26. GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly East Nankin Presbyterian Church, Associate Presbyterian Church, United Presbyterian Church, 1840-- , Middle Belt and Ford Rds., Garden City, Wayne County.

Organized 1840 as East Nankin Presbyterian Church by Scotch Irish settlers. Member of Presbytery of Michigan, Old School Assembly until 1870. Reorganized 1846 as Associate Presbyterian Church; reorganized 1858 as United Presbyterian Church. Received into the Presbytery of Detroit 1871. Present name adopted 1929. First church building, corner of what is now Inkster and Ford Roads, dedicated 1840; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1929; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John F. McLaren 1872-73. Present clergyman, Rev. R.R. Rives, Jr., 29128 Dover St.

Minutes, 1840-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1840-- , 3 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1929-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

27. CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Scotch Presbyterian Church, 1842-- , Second Blvd. and Columbia St., Detroit.

Organized 1842 as a branch of the United Associate Kirk of Scotland and Canada. Became connected with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., under present name 1876. Meetings first held in old City Hall. First church building, Farmer and Bates Streets, dedicated 1843; frame structure; sold and moved to Washington Avenue, 1869. Second church building, on same site, dedicated 1871; brick structure. Present church building, formerly Second Avenue Presbyterian Church (see entry 35), purchased from Detroit Presbytery, remodeled and dedicated 1912; brick structure, modified Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. David Inglis, 1844-46; graduate of Theological Seminary of University of Edinburg, Scotland. Present clergyman, Rev. Roy L. Aldrich, 12740 Cloverlawn Ave.

Minutes, 1842-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also financial records), 1845-- , 2 vols.; v. 1 missing. Records kept in church study.

28. CHURCH OF CANTON (dissolved), 1844-1911, Canton, Wayne County.

Organized 1844 as a branch of the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti (see entry 12); reorganized 1845 as Church of Canton. Dissolved 1911 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ira M. Weed, 1844-45. Last clergyman, Rev. W.W. Wetmore, 1900-11.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

29. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1844-1919, 1926--,
Stein Rd. and S. Dixie Hwy., La Salle, Monroe County.

Organized 1844. Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. Lapsed 1919 for lack of support; revived 1926. Services first held in Otter Creek schoolhouse, then in schoolhouse near the present church. First and present church building dedicated 1857; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. L. Buffet, 1844-52. No present pastor. See: Mrs. Evangeline Dobson, "History of First Presbyterian Church of LaSalle, Michigan," in Monroe Evening News, November 3, 4, and 7, 1938.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes), 1844-1919, 1926--, 2 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

30. NEW SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1845-49,
near Main St., Northville, Wayne County.

Organized 1845 by a group of members of The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (see entry 15). Dissolved 1849 most of the members returning to the mother church. First and only church building dedicated 1845; frame structure (now the Northville Public Library). First and only clergyman, Rev. Sylvester Cochran, 1845-49.

Records could not be found.

31. ERIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1849-- , Erie,
Monroe County.

Organized 1849. Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. No information available as to where services were held prior to 1887. First and present church building dedicated 1887; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman's name and tenure unknown. No-present clergyman. See: Mrs. Jenny Dohm, "History of Erie Presbyterian Church," in Monroe Evening News, October 11, 1937.

Minutes, 1849-- , 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1909-- , 1 vol. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1895-- , 1 vol. Vol. 1 of Minutes in custody of Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Other records kept in church study.

32. FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Presbyterian Church, 1849-- , Fort St. and Third Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1849 as Second Presbyterian Church of the City of Detroit. Present name adopted 1859. Services first held in old Capitol building. First church building, Lafayette Boulevard and Wayne Street, dedicated 1850. Second church building, same site,

dedicated 1855; remodeled 1870; Gothic architecture; destroyed by fire 1876. Present church building dedicated 1877; renovated and enlarged 1914-15; rededicated 1915; stone structure, lantern tower with chimes; Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Robert R. Kellogg, 1850-53. Present clergyman, Rev. Arthur William Ratz, 254 McKinley Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms. See: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, compiled under direction of the Session, 1874, 122 pp. Rev. John Reid, D.D., Fiftieth Anniversary, church publication, 1899, 40 pp. Annie Graves Adams, A Book of Remembrance, church publication, 1934, 6 pp. Rev. Arthur William Ratz, D.D., "Historical," in 90th Anniversary Celebration, the church 1939, pp. 2-3.

Minutes, 1849--, 28 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1849--, 76 vols. Financial records, 1849--, loose-leaf files. Sunday School records, 1849--, loose-leaf files. Records kept in church office.

33. STONEY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved),
1850-1928, Stoney Creek, Monroe County.

Organized 1850. Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. Dissolved 1928 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. Alanson Scofield, 1850. Last clergyman, Rev. Alex. Danskin, 1901-02.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

34. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1853--, S. Grand River Ave., Brighton, Livingston County.

Organized 1853. Transferred from Washtenaw Presbytery 1870. Services first held in schoolhouse and in the home of Rev. Chauncey Osborne. First church building dedicated 1858; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1928; brick structure, modified Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Chauncey Osborne, 1853-58. Present clergyman, Rev. J.W. Wimberly, Brighton.

Minutes, 1853--, 4 vols. Register (members), 1903--, 1 vol. Financial records 1903--, 2 vols. Records kept in church office. Other records could not be found.

35. SECOND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly First Associate Presbyterian Church of Detroit, 1853-1912 (dissolved), Second Blvd. and Columbia St., Detroit.

Organized 1853 as First Associate Presbyterian Church of Detroit. Affiliated with Presbyterian Church, as Second Avenue Presbyterian Church 1889. Dissolved 1912 through lack of support. Place of worship prior to 1888 unknown. Last church building dedicated 1888; brick structure, modified Gothic architecture; reverted to the Detroit Presbytery 1912; sold to Central Presbyterian Church (see entry 27), same year.

Records could not be found.

36. JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1854--,
8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1854. Services first held in Brewster schoolhouse, Jefferson Avenue near St. Antoine Street, then in First Congregational Meetinghouse, southwest corner of E. Jefferson Avenue and Beaubien Street. First church building, E. Jefferson Avenue and Rivard Street, dedicated 1855; brick structure, Gothic architecture. Newberry Memorial Chapel, adjoining church, erected 1887. Second church building, on same site, dedicated 1892. Bethany Presbyterian Church, Detroit (see entry 49), merged with Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church 1924. Present church building dedicated 1926; graystone structure, with tower and bell, English-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joshua Cooke, 1854-55. Present clergyman, Rev. Samuel H. Forrer, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave. See: "Historical Sketch," in Golden Jubilee Program, compiled by church committee, Detroit, Prompt Press, 1904.

Minutes, 1854-- , 6 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1854-- , 11 vols. Financial records, 1854-- , 7 vols. Sunday School records, 1854-- , loose-leaf file. Records kept in church office.

37. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1856-- , Center St.,
Petersburg, Monroe County.

Organized 1856. Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. Services first held in private homes, then in Union House, which was built for public worship. First and present church building dedicated 1868; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. William S. Taylor, 1862-85; graduate of Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., and Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N.Y. Present clergyman, Rev. Frederick Calvin Holbrook, Petersburg, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ida (see entry 55). See: Mrs. R.R. Kirby, "Fifty Years History of First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, Michigan," in Golden Jubilee Celebration Program, November 16, 1906, the church, 1906. E.A. Tremain, "History of First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, 1906-1936," MS., in church file.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes), 1856-- , 2 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

38. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1856-- , Chestnut and First
Sts., Wyandotte, Wayne County.

Organized 1856; reorganized 1866. First church building, Biddle Avenue and Chestnut Street, frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1899; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Nall, 1857-60. Present clergyman, Rev. Warren E. Hall, 2737 First St.

Minutes, 1897-- , 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages,

members, and deaths), 1897--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1897--, 2 vols. Sunday School records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study. Records prior to 1897 could not be found.

39. FRENCH AND GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1856-66, Catherine St. near Russell St., Detroit.

Organized 1856. Dissolved 1866 due to lack of support. First and only church building dedicated 1857; frame structure; sold to a Lutheran congregation 1866. First and last clergyman unknown. Records could not be found.

40. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1857--, Hamilton Ave. at Glynn Ct., Detroit.

Organized 1857. Member of Presbytery of Michigan, Old School Assembly until 1870. Services first held in United Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Boulevard and Wayne Street. First church building, Washington Boulevard, site of present St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, dedicated 1861; enlarged and remodeled 1870; brick structure; sold to Roman Catholic Diocese of Detroit, 1872. From 1872 to 1874 services were held in Harper Hospital. Second church building, rear of lot on Woodward Avenue and Parsons Street, dedicated 1874. Third church building, Woodward Avenue and Parsons Street, dedicated 1881; sold 1918. From 1918 to 1920 services were held in Armory, Collingwood and Hamilton Avenues. Present church building dedicated 1920; three story brick structure with stone trimming. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Neill, 1857-61. Present clergyman, Rev. Benjamin J. Bush, 100 Lawrence Ave. See: Anon., "A Brief History," in A Place of Service for Your Community, the church, 1920, p. 4.

Register (baptisms; marriages, 1857-1922, 1925--; members; deaths, 1857-1922, 1926--; also minutes), 1857--, 4 vols.; marriages, 1923-24, card file; deaths, 1923-25, card file. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in vault in church office.

41. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1859--, Maple St., Holly, Oakland County.

Organized 1859. Services first held in schoolhouse; from 1859 to 1862 in Methodist church. First church building dedicated and consecrated 1862; remodeled 1879; frame structure; destroyed by fire 1889. Present church building dedicated 1889; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. George Winters, 1859-60. Present clergyman, Rev. Morton L. Booth, 203 Washington Ave.

Minutes, 1859--, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1859--, 4 vols. Financial records, 1927--, 13 vols. Sunday School records, 1927--, 13 vols. Records kept in church study.

42. ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1860--, 19321 Glenn Ave., Roseville, Macomb County.

Organized 1860. First church building, Gratiot Avenue, dedicated 1860; enlarged 1921; frame structure; razed 1930. Present church building dedicated 1930; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry W. Bissell, 1860-91. Present clergyman, Rev. Lewis S. Brooke, 2512 Helen Ave., Detroit.

Minutes (including financial records), 1860--,
4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1860--,
1 vol. Sunday School records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept
in church study.

43. GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH, formerly Protestant Evangelical Association of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Protestant Society, Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church, 1865--, 16 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe, Wayne County.

Organized 1865 as the Protestant Evangelical Association of Grosse Pointe; reorganized 1889 as Grosse Pointe Protestant Society; reorganized 1920 as Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted 1925. First church building, Kirby Road and Lake Shore Rd., dedicated 1865. Second church building, on present site, dedicated 1893; brick structure. Present church building dedicated 1925; stone structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. George Brewer, 1921-28; graduate of Theological Seminary of Princeton University. Present clergyman, Rev. Frank Fitt, 24 McKinley Pl. See: Charles F. Metcalf, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, the church, 1925, p. 5.

Minutes, 1865--, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1867-1919, 2 vols.; 1920--, card file. Financial records, 1865--, 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1920--, 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

44. CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1872--, Grand River and Vicksburg Aves., Detroit.

Established 1868 as a mission Sunday School; organized 1872. Services first held in a building on Harrison Avenue, then in a cottage on Michigan Avenue near Twenty-third Street. First church building, corner Maybury Grand Avenue and Butternut Street, dedicated 1869; frame structure. Second church building, Michigan and Maybury Grand Avenues, dedicated 1888. Present church building dedicated 1918; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John G. Atterbury, 1872-74; Yale College and Yale Theological School, New Haven, Conn., and Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. Present clergyman, Rev. Leslie A. Bechtel, 15965 Ashton Rd. See: William Downie, "History of the Church," in Founders' Day Celebration, 1868-1932, the church, 1932, pp. 6-26.

Minutes (including financial records), 1888--, 10 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1883--, 5 vols. Sunday School records, 1931--, 1 vol. Records kept in church office.

45. CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, formerly Union Presbyterian Church, 1875--, E. Grand Blvd. and Preston St., Detroit.

Established 1863 as a mission Sunday School. Organized 1875 as Union Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted 1889. First church building, Russell and Napoleon Streets, dedicated 1864; enlarged 1866; frame structure. Second church building, same site, dedicated 1869; brick structure. Present church building dedicated 1908; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. A.E. Hastings, 1875-80. Present clergyman, Rev. L. Wendell Taylor, 728 E. Grand Blvd.

Minutes, 1875--, 3 vols. Registers: baptisms and members, 1875--, 3 vols.; marriages, 1908--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1875--, 5 vols. Sunday School records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

46. PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Milan Presbyterian Church, 1878--, 231 North St., Milan, Washtenaw County.

Organized 1878 as Milan Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted 1921. From 1878 to 1880 services were held in private homes. First and present church building dedicated 1880; remodeled 1938-39, frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. David Murray, 1878. Present clergyman, Rev. Stephen C. Crowell, 310 Ferman St.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes and financial records), 1878--, 2 vols. (incomplete). Records in custody of Rev. Stephen C. Crowell, 310 Ferman St.

47. MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1881-1939, Jos. Campau Ave. and Clinton St., Detroit.

Organized 1881. Dissolved 1939 because of lack of support. First and only church building, a gift of Rev. David M. Cooper (who served without pay as pastor), dedicated 1882; brick and stone structure with belfry and chimes; now occupied by St. John's Presbyterian Church (see entry 76). First settled clergyman, Rev. David M. Cooper, 1881-95. Last clergyman, Rev. Lewis S. Brooke, 1926-38.

Minutes, 1881-1938, 5 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1881-1938, 2 vols. Financial records, 1888-1938, 8 vols. Records in custody of Rev. William F. Hoot, stated clerk, 7074 W. Lafayette Blvd.

48. TRUMBULL AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1881--,
3600 Trumbull Ave., Detroit.

Established 1877 as a Sunday School by the Young People's Christian Union of Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Organized 1881. Services first held in rented building, on present site. First church building dedicated 1881. Present church building dedicated 1888; brick structure, Romanesque architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, 1881-87. Present clergyman, Rev. William R. Van Buskirk, 1674 Atkinson Ave.

Minutes, 1881-- , 7 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1881-- , 5 vols. Financial records, 1928-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

49. BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Hamtramck Union Mission, Hamtramck Presbyterian Church (dissolved through merger), 1883-1924, Lafayette and Seyburn Aves., Detroit.

Started 1863 as a Sunday School. Established 1870 as Hamtramck Union Mission. Organized 1883 as Hamtramck Presbyterian Church. Name changed to Bethany Presbyterian Church 1892. Merged with Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church (see entry 36), 1924. From 1863 to 1870 meetings were held in Marine Hospital. First church building, E. Grand Boulevard near Jefferson Avenue, dedicated 1870; remodeled 1885 and 1891; sold 1896. Last church building dedicated 1896; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Samuel Jenkinson, 1886-91. Last clergyman, Rev. Clinton Woods Lourie, 1916-24.

Minutes (including financial records), 1882-1924, 3 vols. Sessions records, 1883-1924, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1879-1924, 6 vols. Records kept in church office of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., (see entry 36).

50. FOREST AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Third Street Mission Sunday School, Third Avenue Presbyterian Church (dissolved through merger), 1886-1921, Forest and Second Avenues, Detroit.

Established 1867 as Third Street Mission Sunday School. Organized 1886 as Third Avenue Presbyterian Church. Name changed to Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church 1892. Merged with Church of the Redeemer (see entry 78), 1921. Meetings first held in private homes. First church building, Third Street and Forest Avenue, dedicated 1868. Second church building, Second and Forest Avenues, dedicated 1892. First settled clergyman, Rev. James M. Barkley, 1886-1916. Last clergyman, Rev. Irwin E. Bradfield, 1917-21. See: Rev. James M. Barkley, Old Forest, Detroit, Guley Borman Co., 1891, 24 pp.

Minutes, 1867-92, 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1886-92, 1 vol. Records kept in Redeemer Presbyterian Church (see entry 78). Other records could not be found.

51. MARINE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved),
1886-1914, Marine City, St. Clair County.

Organized 1886. Dissolved 1914 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. Theodore D. Marsh, 1886-88. Last clergyman, Rev. Francis Caruthers, 1905-06.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

52. IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Baker Street Presbyterian Church, 1888--, W. Grand Blvd. and Porter St., Detroit.

Organized 1888 as Baker Street Presbyterian Church by a committee appointed by the presbytery. Present name adopted 1893. Meetings first held on Baker Street, then in rented church building, Fort and Twenty-second Streets. First church building, on present site, dedicated 1893. Present church building dedicated 1911; brick structure with stone trimming. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Forrest Somerville, 1888-93. Present clergyman, Rev. F. Paul McConkey, 1234 Hubbard Ave. See: Anon., "Historical Sketch," in Dedication Services of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, June 18-21, 1911, Detroit, Frank H. West, 1911, pp. 16-18. Fred I. Dobson, Golden Jubilee, 1838-1938, the church, 1938, 24 pp.

Minutes, 1888--, 52 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1888--, 4 vols. Financial records, 1889--, 51 vols. Sunday School records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

53. NORRIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1888-1906.

Organized 1888 as a Congregational church; reorganized 1889 as a member of the Detroit Presbytery. Dissolved 1906 for reasons undetermined.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

54. SAND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1894-1914, Sand Hill, Wayne County.

Organized 1894. Dissolved 1914 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. E.A. Bray, 1894-96. Last clergyman, Rev. G.B. Crawford, 1904-05.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

55. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1898--, Ida West and Southwick Sts., Ida, Monroe County.

Organized 1898, Transferred from Monroe Presbytery 1920. Services first held in Macabees Hall. Present church building dedicated 1899; frame structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. E.H. Bradfield, 1899-1903. Present clergyman, Rev. Frederick Calvin Holbrook, Petersburg. Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Petersburg (see entry 37).

Minutes, 1898--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1898--, 1 vol. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1898--, 10 vols. Records kept in church study.

56. SCOVEL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Grand River Mission, 1898--, Grand River and McGraw Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1898 as Grand River Mission. Services first held in private home on McArthur Place, then in Kennedy's Hall, Grand River and Lawton Avenues. First church building dedicated 1899; brick structure, in chapel style. Present church building dedicated 1922; brick structure with stone trimming, modified Romanesque architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. James D. Jeffrey, 1898-1929; graduate of Knox College, University of Toronto, Canada. Present clergyman, Rev. George D. Jeffrey, 4767 Commonwealth Ave.

Minutes, 1898--, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1898--, 4 vols. Financial records, 1898--, 5 vols. Records kept in church study.

57. ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Russell Street Mission, 1899--, Twelfth and Glendale Sts., Detroit.

Established 1880 as Russell Street Mission. Organized under present name 1899. Services first held in private homes and in various halls. First church building, Frederick Avenue and Hastings Street; frame structure, in chapel style. Second church building, Sterling Street and W. Grand Boulevard, dedicated 1917. Present church building dedicated 1923; gray sandstone structure, Colonial architecture. Grace Presbyterian Church, Detroit (see entry 74), merged with St. Andrew's 1923. Gudmore Presbyterian Church, Detroit (see entry 93), merged with St. Andrew's, 1933. First settled clergyman, Rev. Andrew Wilson, 1899-1900. Present clergyman, Rev. Maurice Grigsby, 2446 Highland Ave. See: Rev. Maurice Grigsby, Directory, 1935, the church, 16 pp.

Minutes, 1899-1921, 1 vol.; 1921--, card file. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1900-21, 1 vol.; 1921--, card file. Financial records, 1924--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1900-1921, 1 vol.; 1921--, card file. Records kept in church study.

58. WATERFORD CENTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved),
1899-1918, Waterford, Oakland County.

Organized 1899. Dissolved 1918 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. E.O. Sutherland, 1899. Last clergyman, Rev. W.H. McKee, 1902-05.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

59. CADILLAC BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly St. Clair Heights Presbyterian Church, 1901-- , Cadillac Blvd. and Goethe Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1901 as St. Clair Heights Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted 1929. First church building, St. Clair Avenue, dedicated 1901; sold 1927. Present church building purchased, remodeled, and dedicated 1927; brick structure, English Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. William S. Buck, 1901-04. Present clergyman, Rev. Harvey E. Easley, 3073 Hurlbut Ave.

Minutes, 1916-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1916-30, 4 vols.; 1931-- , card file. Financial records, 1918-- , 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1916-- , 14 vols. Records kept in church study.

60. GERSHOM SETTLEMENT (mission), 1901-- , 130 Dupont St., Detroit.

Organized 1901 as a mission Sunday School for Armenians by Sarah Grindley, a member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church (see entry 32). Meetings first held in rented building, near present site. Present buildings, erected at the expense of Miss Grindley, dedicated 1925; brick structure, institutional type. First and present director, Sarah Grindley. A summer camp, for children five to six years of age, occupying a tract of 27 acres on Joslyn Lake, Livingston County, was established in 1927. The camp has a sand beach and convenient buildings. See: Sarah Grindley, 1940 Gershom Summer Camp, privately printed, 1940, 4 pp., illus. Sarah Grindley, "Brief History of Mission Work in Southwestern Detroit, 1889-1938," typescript, 1938, 13 pp.

Register (enrollment), 1901-- , 38 vols., in custody of Sarah Grindley, 123 Parsons St., Detroit.

61. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1903-- , 239 Cherry St., Trenton, Wayne County.

Organized 1903. Services first held in rented building, on Jefferson Avenue, known as "The Old School House," then in rented building on Front Street. Present church building, dedicated 1904; enlarged 1930; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. George B. Crawford, 1903-05. Present clergyman, Rev. Louis F. Hoffman, 239 Cherry St.

Minutes, 1903--, 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1903--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1903--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

62. HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1904--,
Woodward and Cortland Aves., Highland Park,
Wayne County.

Established 1894 as a mission. Organized 1904. First church building dedicated 1896; frame structure; sold to a Lutheran society. Present church building dedicated 1911; brick and stone structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. James D. McDonald, 1904-21; graduate of Albion College. Present clergyman, Rev. Willis L. Gelston, 20 Cortland Ave. See: Rev. James D. McDonald, History and Dedication, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Wm. Graham Printing Co., 1911, pp. 4-6.

Minutes, 1894--, 21 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1894--, 34 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records (current only), 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

63. DELRAY PRESBYTERIAN INSTITUTE (mission), 1905--,
1802 Cottrell Ave., Detroit.

Established 1905 as a Sunday School for the lately arrived Hungarian immigrants by Sarah Grindley, a member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church (see entry 32). Meetings first held in rented quarters on Solvay Avenue. Present building, containing club and class rooms, a gymnasium, and living quarters for the staff, erected 1924. The institute is a Christian center, in which a program of the spirit of the good neighbor is promulgated. It provides a meeting place for people of many nationalities, where they may share their traditions, cultures, and aims. Social, recreational, educational, and religious activities are maintained. Director, Ethel MacKenzie. Superintendent of girls' work, Rosemary Crowell Stout. The work is financed jointly by the Detroit Presbytery (see entry 4), through its Church Extension Board, and the Women's Presbyterian Society (see entry 5), through its City, Immigrant, and Industrial budget.

Minutes, 1926--, loose-leaf file, in custody of secretary, G.M. Millar, 2043 First National Bank Building. Financial records, 1932--, 1 vol., in Detroit Presbyterian Office, 1109 Kales Building. Sunday School records, 1922--, loose-leaf file, in custody of Ethel MacKenzie, 802 Cottrell Ave.

64. OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Fort Wayne
Presbyterian Church, 1906-- , W. Fort and Lewerenz Sts.,
Detroit.

Established 1901 as a Sunday School. Organized 1906 as

Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted 1914. From 1901 to 1906 meetings were held in Fort Wayne. First church building, Artillery Avenue and South Street, dedicated 1906. Present church building dedicated 1914; cement-block structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Ure Stewart, 1907-10. Present clergyman, Rev. William F. Hoot, 7074 W. Lafayette Blvd. See: Rev. William F. Hoot, "Historical Sketch," in Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, the church, Detroit, 1934, pp. 6-7.

Minutes, 1906--, 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1906--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1922--, 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1928--, 8 vols. Records kept in church study.

65. REDFORD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly First Presbyterian Church of Redford, 1906--, Redford and Rockdale Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1906 as First Presbyterian Church of Redford. Present name adopted 1927. First and present church building dedicated 1905; brick and stone structure, Gothic architecture. Church house erected 1929; brick and stone structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Archie McKee, 1906-07. Present clergyman, Rev. John R. McWilliams, 17200 Redford Ave.

Minutes, 1906--, 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1906--, 5 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1906--, 2 vols. Records kept in church office.

66. WOODWARD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1908--, 8501 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1908. Services first held in Christian Church, Forest Avenue; from 1908 to 1910, in Milburn Hall, 1517 Woodward Avenue. First and present church building dedicated 1910; stone structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Sherman L. Divine, 1908-13. Present clergyman, Rev. Roy Ewing Vale, Abington Apts., 700 Seward Ave. See: Rev. Joseph Cochran, Tenth Anniversary Review, the church, 1918, 32 pp. Rev. Joseph Cochran, Directory, the church, 1923, 48 pp. Dr. George Lau, Twentieth Century Review, the church, 1928, 12 pp. Rev. Roy Vale, Directory, the church, 1934, 56 pp. Richard E. Plummer, Church Directory, 1939-40, the church, 1940. 84 pp.

Minutes, 1908--, 5 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1908--, 5 vols. Financial records, 1908--, 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1908--, 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

67. ECORSE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1910--, W. Jefferson Ave. and E. Bonzana St., Ecorse, Wayne County.

Organized 1910. First church building, Cicotte Street, frame structure; destroyed by windstorm 1912. Present church building dedicated 1914; remodeled 1936; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Roy G. HERSHEY, 1910-13. Present clergyman, Rev. Leonard Duckett, 21 E. Bonzana St. See: Rev. Leonard Duckett, "Historical Data," in The Silver Anniversary Program, the church, 1935, p. 4.

Minutes, 1910--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1910--, 3 vols. Financial records, 1931--, 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1932--, 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

68. GRATIOT AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1912--, Gratiot and Burns Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1912. First church building, Gratiot near Burns Avenue, dedicated 1912; frame structure. Present church building dedicated 1913; brick structure with stone trimming. First settled clergyman, Rev. Arien Muyskens, 1912-16; graduate of McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Present clergyman, Rev. Thomas London Jones, 8284 Montlieu Ave.

Minutes, 1912--, 4 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages members, and deaths), 1912--, 3 vols. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1912--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

69. FIRST ITALIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1914--, 2238 Rivard St., Detroit.

Established 1895 as a branch of McGregor Institute. Came under care of Presbyterian Alliance (now Board of Church Extension) 1901. Became mission of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church (see entry 36) 1906. Organized 1914. From 1901 to 1910, meetings were held in Church of the Covenant (see entry 45). First church building, Sherman Street, purchased, remodeled, and dedicated 1910; frame structure. Present church building purchased from Trinity Lutheran congregation and dedicated 1921; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Giuseppe Buggeli, 1915-22. Present clergyman, Rev. Frank Cherubini, 4550 Burns Ave.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members and deaths; also minutes), 1914--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1914--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

70. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1914--, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak, Oakland County.

Organized 1914. From 1914 to 1916, services were held in old Masonic Temple and in old Royal Theatre. First and present church building dedicated 1916; remodeled and rededicated 1925;

stone structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. H.H. Blocher, 1914-16; graduate of Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago. Present clergyman, Rev. Robert Sneddon Steen, 529 Hendrie Blvd. See: Rev. J.E. Webber, History of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 1927; revision by Alexander Thorburn, "Twenty-five Years," in The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, Michigan, the church, 1939, pp. 10-13.

Minutes, 1914--, 3 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1914--, 1 vol. Above records in custody of Jessie Townsend, 800 N. Aitadena Ave. Financial records, 1914--, 2 vols., in custody of Emil Heberlein, 1022 N. Pleasant St,

71. MARSTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved), 1914-24 , Marston Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1914. Dissolved 1924 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. Gerrit Huyser, 1915-16. Last clergyman, Rev. Marcus Scott, 1923-24.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

72. KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1915-- , Dickerson and Mack Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1915 as a mission. From 1915 to 1918 services were held in rented building, Jefferson and Hillger Avenues; from 1918 to 1925, in portable building, 10701 East Jefferson Avenue; from 1925 to 1928, in Uptown Theatre, Mack and Chalmers Avenues. Present church building to be dedicated July 14, 1940; brick structure, stone trimming, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Arien Muyskens, 1916-20; graduate of McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Present clergyman, Rev. George E. Muran, 3542 Dickerson Ave.

Minutes, 1915-- , 3 vols. Register (baptisms, members, and deaths), 1915-- , 4 vols. Financial records, 1915-- , loose-leaf file. Sunday School records, 1915-- , 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

73. EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1918-- , E. Jefferson and Manistique Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1918. Services first held in basement of dwelling, Lakewood Avenue near Jefferson. First and present church building dedicated 1919; brick and limestone structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. I.T. Raab, 1918-24; graduate of Theological Seminary of Princeton University. Present clergyman, Rev. Carl E. Kircher, 943 Alter Rd.

Minutes, 1918-- , 22 vols. Registers: baptisms, 1918-- , 3 vols.; marriages and deaths, 1918-- , 2 vols.; members, 1918-- , 1 vol. Financial records, 1918-- , 1 file box. Records kept in church office.

74. GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved through merger), 1918-23, Thompson Ave., Detroit.

Established 1914 as a mission Sunday School. Organized 1918. Merged with St. Andrew's Church, Detroit (see entry 57), 1923. Services first held in Francis Willard School building, Hamilton Avenue. First and only church building dedicated 1915; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. Danskin, 1918-21. Last clergyman, Rev. J.D. McDonald, 1923.

Register (members; also minutes and financial records), 1918-23, 1 vol. Records kept in study of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (see entry 57).

75. TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1918--,
7354 Whittaker Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1918. Present church building dedicated 1921; brick structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Maurice Grigsby, 1918-19. Present clergyman, Rev. Henry J. Walsh, 2026 Green Ave.

Minutes, 1918--, 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1918--, 3 vols. Financial records, 1918--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1918--, card file. Records kept in church study.

76. ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Colored), 1919--,
Jos. Campau Ave. and Clinton St., Detroit.

Organized 1919. Services first held in First Presbyterian Church, Detroit (see entry 9). First church building, Dubois Street and Madison Avenue, dedicated 1929; brick structure, semi-Gothic architecture. Moved to present location January 1940. Present church building, the first and only church building of Memorial Presbyterian Church (see entry 47), is the property of the presbytery. First settled clergyman, Rev. William R. Rutledge, 1919-21. Present clergyman, Rev. Henry W. Porter, 1719 Dubois Ave.

Minutes (including financial records), 1920--, 20 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1920--, 20 vols. Sunday School records, 1920--, 20 vols. Missionary Society records, 1920--, 20 vols. Christian Endeavor Society records, 1920--, 20 vols. Records kept in church study.

77. WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1919--, 2504 Monterey Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1919. Transferred from the Ohio to the Michigan Synod, 1934. Services first held in G.A.R. Building, then in rented building, 9641 Yosemite Street. Present church building, purchased from the presbytery and dedicated 1935; frame structure; formerly occupied by Cudmore Presbyterian Church (see entry 93). First settled clergyman, Rev. E.W. Hughes, 1919-20. No present pastor.

Minutes (including financial records), 1919--, 2 vols.
Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1919--, 2 vols.
Sunday School records, 1919--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

78. REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Church of the Redeemer (Reformed Episcopal), Church of the Redeemer (Presbyterian), 1920--, 2746 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

Organized 1915 as Church of the Redeemer (Reformed Episcopal) by a group of former members of Third Street Mission Sunday School (which was established 1867). Reorganized as Church of the Redeemer (Presbyterian) 1920. Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church (see entry 50) merged with Church of the Redeemer 1921. Present name adopted 1922. First church building dedicated 1915; brick structure; now used as church house. Present church building dedicated 1924; gray sandstone structure, Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. Irwin E. Bradfield, 1921-29. Present clergyman, Rev. Thaddeus E. Allen, 2746 W. Grand Blvd. See: Rev. James M. Barkley, Old Forest, Detroit, Gullett Borman Co., 1891, 24 pp.

Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1921--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1921--, 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

79. GERSHOM DAY NURSERY (mission), 1921--,
9160 Keller St., Detroit.

Organized 1921 as a day nursery and Sunday School. First building, Copeland Avenue, frame structure. Present building dedicated 1925; frame structure. First director, Sarah Grindley, 1921-26. Present director, Ada Robinson. See: Sarah Grindley, "Brief History of Mission Work in Southwestern Detroit, 1901-1938," typescript, 1938, 6 pp.

Sunday School records, 1925--, 14 vols., in custody of Mrs. Ada Robinson, 9160 Keller St. Financial records not available.

80. PALMER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1921-30, 1935--,
642 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit.

Organized 1921. Dissolved 1930 for reasons undetermined. Revived 1935. First and present church building dedicated 1925; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac J. Van Hee, 1921-22. Present clergyman, Rev. John Adams, 5026 Buckingham Rd.

Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths; also minutes), 1921-30, 1935--, 2 vols. Financial records, 1921-30, 1935--, 2 vols. Sunday School records, 1921-30, 1935--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

81. DODGE COMMUNITY HOUSE (mission), 1922--,
6201 Farr Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1922 as a medical and dental clinic. From 1922 to 1926 clinic held in rented building, 8144 Conant Avenue. Since 1926 the organization has engaged in general social service work. Present building, dedicated 1926; brick and steel structure. First director, Rev. Ralph Cumins, 1922-34. Present director, Rev. Henry D. Jones.

Minutes, 1922--, loose-leaf file. Financial records, 1922--, loose-leaf file. Records kept in institutional office.

82. LAKE SHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1923--, Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, Macomb County.

Organized 1923. Meetings first held in private homes. First and present church building dedicated 1923; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Harry W. McConnell, 1924-25. Present clergyman, Rev. Stephen T. Crary, 22859 Poplar Beach.

Minutes, 1923--, 2 vols. Registers: baptisms, 1923--, 3 vol.; marriages, 1923--, 1 vol.; members, 1923--, 1 vol.; deaths, 1923--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1923--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

83. NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1923--,
John R. St., and Savannah Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1923. Meetings first held in private homes. First and present church building, Parkhurst Place and Brush Street, dedicated 1923; moved to present site 1927; rededicated 1928; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Robertson McFayden, 1923-24. Present clergyman, Rev. Hugh Jack, 22253 Edison Ave., Dearborn. See: Rev. Hugh Jack, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1921-1936, the church, 1936, 20 pp.

Register (baptisms, members, and deaths; also minutes), 1923--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1923--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

84. DRAYTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1924--,
Pinecrest Dr. and Drayton Ave., Ferndale,
Oakland County.

Organized 1924. Services first held in Roosevelt School annex, Pinecrest Drive. Present church building dedicated 1924; remodeled 1928; brick structure, semi-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Bryant, 1925-27; graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, New York. Present clergyman, Rev. Llewellyn Evans, 1045 Earl Blvd. See: Rev. Llewellyn Evans, "On The Wings of Progress," in Tenth Anniversary Souvenir and Directory, the church, 1934, pp. 10-12.

Minutes, 1924-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1924-- , 1 vol. Financial records (current only), 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1924-- , 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

85. CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1925-- , Hubbell and Grand River Aves., Detroit.

Organized 1925. First church building, frame structure, now used as a community hall. Present church building dedicated 1929; brick structure with stone trimming. First settled clergyman, Rev. D.S. Carmichael, 1925-32; graduate of Theological Seminary of Princeton University. Present clergyman, Rev. Thomas S. Sykes, 14073 Freeland Ave.

Minutes, 1925-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1925-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

86. GRANDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1927-- , 11341 St. Mary's Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1927 as a mission; reorganized as a church 1928. First and present church building dedicated 1928; remodeled 1929; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Alfred Martin, 1929-30. Present clergyman, Rev. Keith Conning, 14243 Cruse Ave.

Minutes (including financial records), 1927-- , 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1927-- , 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1927-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

87. LEITCH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1927-- , 601 S. Colonial Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1927. First and present church building dedicated 1928; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. M.L. Bennett, 1928. Present clergyman, Rev. Mowry S. Axtell, 2428 Bayside Ave.

Minutes (including financial records), 1928-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1928-- , 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1928-- , card file. Records kept in church study.

88. ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1928-- , 9601 Pembroke Ave., Plymouth, R.F.D. #1, Wayne County.

Organized 1928. Present church building dedicated 1928; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John H. Snook, 1928-29; graduate of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Present clergyman, Rev. John B. Forsyth, 9601 Hubbard Ave.

Minutes, 1928-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1928-- , 1 vol. Financial records, 1928-- , 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

89. BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1929--, Dresden and Findlay Sts., Detroit.

Organized 1929. Services first held in Wilkins School building, Nashville and Hamburg Avenues. First and present church building dedicated 1930; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. C.G. Johnstone, 1929-33. Present clergyman, Rev. Platte T. Amstutz, 12315 Jane Ave.

Minutes, 1929--, 2 vols. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1933--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1929--, 1 vol. Records kept in church study.

90. TROY CENTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1929--,
Livernois and 17 Mile Rds., Troy, Oakland County.

Organized 1929. First and present church building dedicated 1930; frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. M.L. Bennett, 1930-32. Present clergyman, Rev. William J.C. Belch, 26789 Dartmouth Ave., Royal Oak.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members and deaths), 1930--, 1 vol. Above records in custody of Mrs. Hazen Stephens, R.F.D. #1, Birmingham. Financial records, 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of Mrs. R. Jauch, R.F.D. #1, Birmingham. Sunday School records, 1930--, 1 vol., in custody of Harry Little, R.F.D. #1, Rochester.

91. WARD MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Bethel Presbyterian Mission, 1929--, Plymouth Rd. and Steel Ave., Detroit.

Organized 1929 as Bethel Presbyterian Mission by a group from Central Presbyterian Church (see entry 27). From 1929 to 1940 services were held in Parker School building, Meyers Road south of Plymouth Road. First and present church building, a memorial to the late Elizabeth W. Ward, dedicated April 1940. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles G. Sterling, 1930-35. Present clergyman, Rev. Alvin L. Morris, 9561 Strathmoor Ave. See: "Church Holds Dedication," in Detroit News, April 20, 1940, p. 6, col. 7.

Minutes, 1929--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1929--, 1 vol. Financial records, 1929--, 1 vol. Sunday School records, 1929--, 2 vols. Records kept in church study.

92. WEST POINT PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (dissolved),
1929-37, Farmington, Oakland County.

Organized 1929. Dissolved 1937 for reasons undetermined. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Adams, 1931-32. Last clergyman, Rev. Roy J. Miller, 1932-36.

No other information available. Records could not be found.

93. CUDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1930-33
(dissolved through merger), 2504
Monterey Ave., Detroit.

Established 1925 as Monterey Mission Sunday School. Organized 1930. Merged with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (see entry 57), 1933. First and only church building dedicated 1925; frame structure; sold to Welsh Presbyterian Church (see entry 77), 1935. First and only clergyman, Rev. Mowry S. Axtell, 1928-33.

Minutes, 1932-33, 1 vol., kept in St. Andrew's Church (see entry 57).

94. GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1930--,
15340 Meyers Rd., Detroit.

Organized 1930. Services first held in Edgar Guest School building. First and present church building, basement only, dedicated 1935; brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Platte T. Amstutz, 1932-33. Present clergyman, Rev. William W. Townsend, 15089 Sorrento Ave.

Minutes, 1930-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, members and deaths), 1930-- , 1 vol. Financial records, 1930-- , 1 vol. Records in custody of Rev. William W. Townsend, 15089 Sorrento Ave.

95. ALLEN PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1932--,
Allen and Ecorse Rds., Allen Park, Wayne County.

Organized 1932. Services are held in Lapham School building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Frank P. Knowles, 1932-37. Present clergyman, Rev. Kenneth Neigh, 14857 Cleveland Ave.

Minutes, 1932-- , 1 vol., in custody of C.G. Sudman, Robinson Ave. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1932-- , 1 vol., in custody of Rev. Kenneth Neigh, 14857 Cleveland Ave. Financial records, 1932-- , 1 vol., in custody of Joseph Bentiff, 15547 Thomas Ave.

96. CENTER LINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1938--,
Van Dyke and Central Aves., Center Line,
Macomb County.

Organized 1938 as a Presbyterian church by the Community Church congregation. First and present church building dedicated 1938; brick structure. First and present clergyman, Rev. John A. Mundell, 601 Ninth St., Royal Oak, 1938--.

Minutes (including financial records), 1938-- , 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members and deaths), 1938-- , 1 vol. Records in custody of church clerk, John Harper, Center Line.

97. GROSSE POINTE WOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, formerly Lockmoor Presbyterian Church, 1939--, Vernier Rd. near Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, formerly Lockmoor, Wayne County.

Organized July 1939 as Lockmoor Presbyterian Church. Present name adopted November 1939. Services are held in Mason schoolhouse. First and present clergyman, Rev. O.W. Burdette Olson, 1608 Roslyn Rd., 1939--.

Minutes, 1939--, 1 vol. Register (baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths), 1939--, 1 vol. Above records in custody of Rev. O.W. Burdette Olson, 1608 Roslyn Rd. Financial records, 1939--, 1 vol., in custody of treasurer, Sidney Bockstanz, 1320 Grayton Rd., Grosse Pointe. Sunday School records, 1939--, 1 vol., in custody of Secretary, Mrs. Jack Conley, 1840 Roslyn Rd.

98. DISSOLVED CHURCHES, WHICH WERE MEMBERS OF THE DETROIT PRESBYTERY THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS ORGANIZATION (No other information available).

- A. Farmington
- B. Troy
- C. Brownstown
- D. Nankin (Swartzburg)
- E. Nankin (Derby's Corners)
- F. Panama (Dixboro)
- G. Romeo (became Congregational)
- H. Bloomfield (Wing Lake)
- I. Southfield
- J. Washington
- K. Rochester (became Congregational)
- L. Novi
- M. St. Clair (became Congregational)
- N. Utica (became Congregational)

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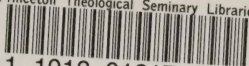
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